


RISK ASSESSMENT

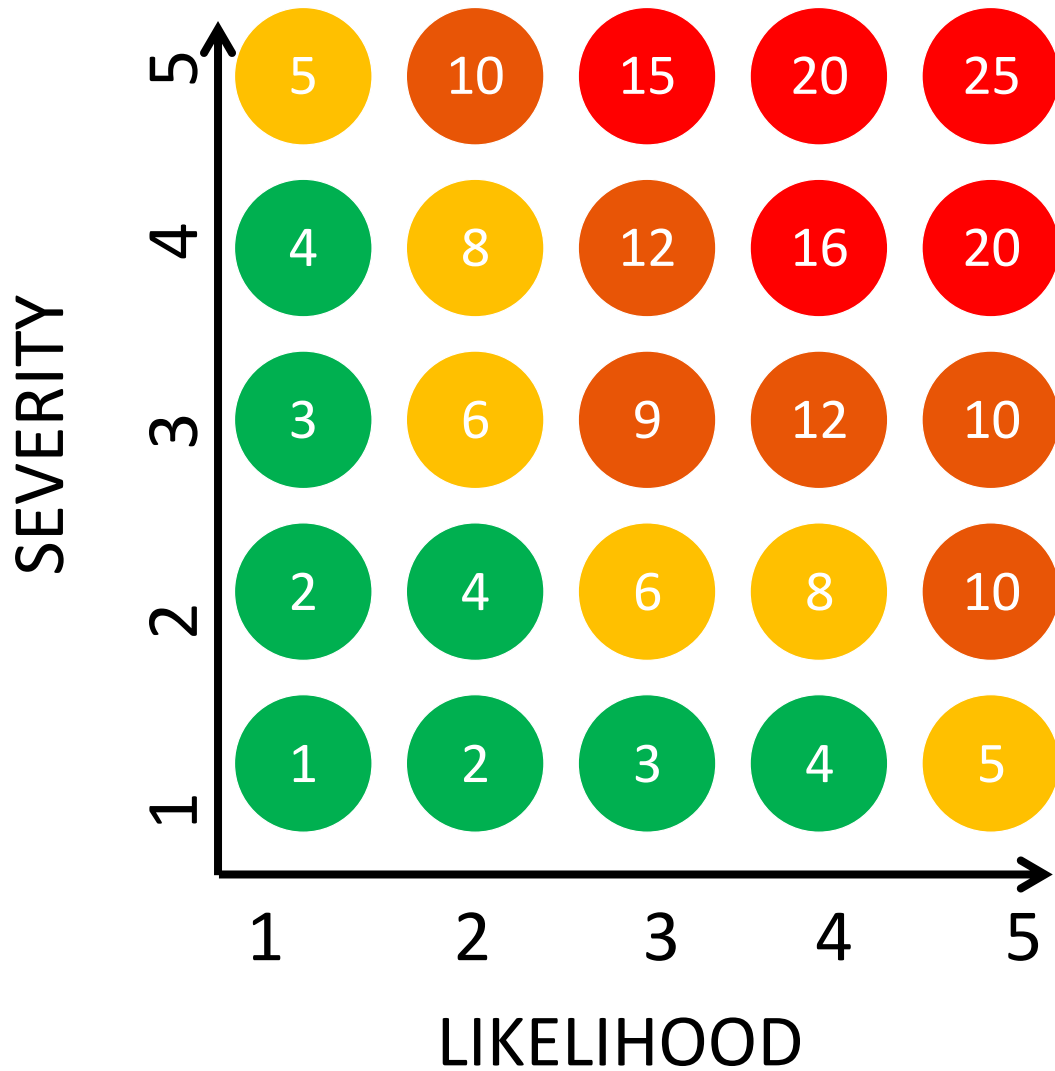
Devon
Wildlife Trust



Activity	Devon Bat Survey detector deployment		
Location	Various		
Intended Recipient	Volunteers		
Risk Assessment Prepared by	Ruth Testa/ Anna David/ Mike Symes/Helen Parr		
Valid From	01/04/2017	Valid To	30/11/2017
Date of Assessment	09/03/2017	Date of Review	n/a
EMERGENCY INFORMATION			
Number of access points	Check access points before hand		
Description of how to find access points	Check access points before hand		
Key Devon Hospitals (be aware of which is your local hospital)	Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, Barrack Road, Exeter, Devon EX2 5DW (01392 411 611) Derriford Hospital, Derriford Rd, Plymouth PL6 8DH (01752 202 082) Torbay Hospital, Newton Rd, Torquay, Torbay TQ2 7AA (01803 614 567) North Devon District Hospital, Raleigh Park, Barnstaple, EX31 4JB (01271 322 577) Honiton Hospital, Marlpits Road, Honiton EX14 2DE (01404 540 540) Launceston General Hospital, Link Road, Launceston, PL15 9JD (01566 761 000)		
Grid Reference	Various		
Nearest public phone	Unknown		
A Risk Assessment is not valid unless signed. This Risk Assessment must be signed by an authorised individual			
Signed		Print Name	Ruth Testa
	9 th March 2017		

HAZARD	WHO MAY BE HARMED AND HOW?	WHAT ARE WE ALREADY DOING TO CONTROL RISK OR REDUCE IT TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL?	RESIDUAL RISK		
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<u>Uneven Ground</u> slips, trips, falls	volunteers, public	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take care – allow enough time for activity. 2. Be aware of any obstructions in your path. 3. Wear appropriate footwear. 4. Avoid traversing ground you aren't comfortable with. 	3	2	6
<u>Parking and walking on roads</u> Road traffic accident	volunteers, public, other road users	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be vigilant if parking on or close to roads – adhere to the highway code and do not block field entrances or create a driving hazard for other road users 2. Do not walk along busy main roads. 3. Follow Highway Code where walking on minor roads. 4. Ensure you are in control of your actions and aware of surroundings while on roads (e.g. no alcohol, bags easy to carry). 5. Ensure you are highly visible to traffic (e.g. high visibility clothing). 	1	5	5
<u>livestock</u>	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check for livestock in fields before entering. 2. Always check with land owner about possible aggressive animals in fields and avoid if necessary 3. Don't enter a field if you feel uncomfortable with livestock present. 4. Avoid getting between a cow and a calf. 5. Don't enter a field with livestock with a dog. 	1	5	5
<u>Climbing gates, fencing</u>	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open gates rather than climbing where possible. 2. Be aware of electric fencing and barbed wire when placing detector. 	2	2	4
<u>Lone working</u>	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff/volunteers must NOT work alone during survey activity 2. A mobile phone must be carried at all times 	1	5	5
<u>Aggressive individuals</u>	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be aware of members of public who may appear to show early signs of aggression or antagonism. 2. Engage with them where appropriate and explain what is happening, answer questions politely. 3. If any signs of aggression, placate if possible otherwise move away 4. Avoid being alone with aggressive individuals, stay with other volunteers if 	1	5	5

		<p>possible</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If signs of intoxication (drugs, alcohol) are evident, move away and abandon activity immediately If weapons (knives, firearms, air rifles, etc) are evident, move away and abandon activity immediately If intimidation, antagonism or aggression becomes threatening call 999 police as soon as possible after moving away to safe distance 			
<u>Bites and stings</u> Anaphylactic shock, skin irritation	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be sure to wear appropriate clothing to protect from bites/stings. Be aware of plants that might cause skin irritation (i.e. stinging nettles and hogweed) and biting/stinging animals and insects (i.e. adders, horseflies, bees, wasps, hornets). Always carry appropriate medication if you suffer from anaphylaxis Follow guidance under lone working to ensure someone knows your location 	1	5	5
<u>Mines, caves, shafts, adits, sinkholes, steep slopes, etc</u> falls, trapping	volunteers, public	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid locations that pose a risk to you - where this appears impossible abandon activity Avoid access routes that pose a risk to you – where this appears impossible abandon activity Stay within your own limits – don't do it if you feel uncomfortable Wear suitable footwear 	1	5	5
<u>Water</u> Weil's disease, drowning.	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Observe basic hygiene when working near water – wear appropriate clothing, cover all cuts with watertight dressing and wash hands before eating, drinking or smoking If working alongside a river, always work in pairs and not alone. 	1	5	5
<u>Adverse weather conditions/ exposure</u>	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dress appropriately for conditions (e.g. sun hats, sunscreen, warm / waterproof clothing) and postpone/ abandon if severe weather sets in 	1	4	4



KEY			
LIKELIHOOD		SEVERITY	
1	Extremely Unlikely	1	Very Minor Injury
2	Unlikely	2	First Aid Injury
3	Possible	3	Lost Time Injury
4	Likely	4	Hospital Treatment
5	Very Probable	5	Disabling Injury

LIKELIHOOD X SEVERITY = RISK RATING

MEANING OF RISK RATING	
RISK RATING	ACTIONS
4 OR BELOW	Acceptable.
5 - 8	Tolerable.
9 - 14	Tolerable. Additional controls must be introduced as soon as possible
15 and over	Unacceptable. Activity must not proceed and additional controls must be introduced to lower the risk to below 9